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The SIGNA Society

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the
Director of Central Intelligence

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1. In response to your note of 20 September, the following is offered in the hope it will assist the DCI in his presentation. Incidentally, we are most appreciative of the DCI's interest and fully understand the severe limitations on his time.

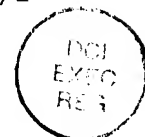
2. The SIGNA Society is reserved for retired CIA Security Careerists. Its population runs the gamut of individuals who have been inactive for some time to fairly recent retirees who are actively engaged in work, usually related to security. Bob Gambino, the current president, now is the Deputy Inspector General for the Synthetic Fuels Corporation, a position which required Congressional approval. Bob was the Director of Security for CIA from 1975 to 1980. Another distinguished SIGNA member is Marv Gentile, a former Agency employee who held a position at the Department of State equivalent to our Director of Security, served a tour as Chairman of the DCI Security Committee, and currently holds a responsible position with General Electric. Some SIGNA members are still associated with the Agency in contract status and contribute significantly as "on-call" investigators and in other security specialties.

3. Given the limited time the DCI can reserve for an address, it is my strong recommendation that he concentrate on the leak problem. Some talking points related to the damage caused by leaks, the difficulties in containing them, and suggested countermeasures follow:

a. Damage Caused by Leaks

° The epidemic nature of leaks, more than 250 reported and investigated in the Intelligence Community in 1981.

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- ° The damage to the national security posture, the country's intelligence capability and the credibility of the Agency.

- ° The diminished ability to recruit certain assets overseas.

- ° The lowered morale of overseas operational personnel and an increasing difficulty in retaining their services.

- ° The loss, through disenchantment, of cooperation of private firms that participate in nonofficial cover arrangements.

- ° The loss of institutional effectiveness caused by leaks, which is manifested by backtracking and wheelspinning that would not occur if time and energy spent in damage assessment and repair of negative impact on operations were more productively directed toward getting the job done.

b. Difficulties in Containment

- ° Despite considerable emphasis by the Administration on containment, confusion persists in equating the whistleblower with the leaker. The former seeks justice; the latter serves himself and his personal interests.

- ° Existing espionage laws do not lend themselves to legal sanctions; application of existing statutes is perceived as overkill.

- ° Prosecution often would involve disclosure of classified information.

- ° The public and the press are sensitive to First Amendment considerations and tolerate or practice publication of anything deemed newsworthy.

- ° So-called authorized leaks contribute to cynicism and a perception that good leaks or bad leaks are different only in the context of whether or not they help a particular Administration.

c. Preventive Measures

- ° New legislation focused explicitly on criminal penalties for unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

- ° Establishment of Government-wide policy/regulations that would permit application of administrative sanctions against leakers, up to and including termination.

- ° Security indoctrination of all persons, including appointed officials, of the absolute necessity to safeguard classified information to which they are privileged to have access.

- ° Effective and uniform control of media briefings and contacts.

- ° Adopt secrecy agreements containing prepublication review requirements.

- ° Pursue leak investigations with vigor and determination, not ruling out use of the polygraph when the severity or frequency of leaks so warrant.

- ° Direct whistleblowers to Inspectors General or oversight boards/ committees; deprive the leaker of the umbrella of responsibility that should be reserved for those honestly concerned with legality, waste, etc.

- ° Gain interagency cooperation and joint action on leaks; a first step would be development of a comprehensive, shared database.

- ° Dedicate more professionals to the leak problem; neglect cannot be tolerated when our most sensitive intelligence sources and methods are in obvious jeopardy.

4. I would suggest that any topics other than leaks be afforded very brief treatment. With respect to the Intelligence Identities Act of 23 June 1982, it is suggested identification of covert personnel can be treated as a particularly heinous leak. Those individuals responsible for identification of assets are

dedicated to destruction of the American intelligence capability and, notwithstanding their protestations of benevolent intent, aim to disrupt, discredit and eventually render the Agency impotent. In the process, they endanger the life and well-being of our people and expose them to harrassment or deadly violence by the opposition or the lunatic fringe of service to nothing but anarchy, turmoil and destruction. I believe it is sufficient, in any comment concerning FOIA, to note abuses permitted under the current legislation and point out benefit of change, (reducing the possibility of inadvertent disclosure of classified information, construction of a damaging mosaic, and relief from the mandate to release sensitive but unclassifiable information).

5. Should you require any additional information on SIGNA probable talking points, or specific information regarding leaks and/or enacted or prospective legislation, I will be happy to provide it either verbally or formally. I agree completely that a short and generalized presentation followed by a brief question and answer session would be best. The DCI will find the SIGNA group to be an audience of sympathetic and supportive professionals; it is not necessary that he gear himself to interrogation of the "Meet the Press" variety.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security 20 Sept 82

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The DCI agreed to spend a few minutes with the SIGNA group on 7 October. Since the DCI will have just returned on 6 October from a few weeks abroad, his schedule will be very tight; thus 15 minutes is the most you can expect for his presentation.

Pls provide a representative list of attendees, with info on the SIGNA Society and the type of work some of these members are involved in. Also, we'd appreciate suggested "talking points" for the DCI's presentation. As you mentioned, "leaks" continue to haunt us; thus some words on the Administration's emphasis on trying to prevent leaks and, when they happen, to investigate them to locate the perpetrator(s). Identities Legislation and upcoming FOIA should also be given a few paragraphs.

I'd suggest about a 7-8 minute presentation, followed by questions.

cc: DDA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

[REDACTED]
Director of Security

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SUBJECT: The SIGNA Society

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Based on information from [REDACTED] it is my understanding that you have agreed to address the Ninth Annual Convention of SIGNA in the Agency auditorium at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October 1982. Mr. Robert W. Gambino, current president of the SIGNA and former Director of Security for CIA, has asked that I express his appreciation for your acceptance of the Society's invitation. The convention, drawing members from throughout the United States, will be held 7-8 October 1982.

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3. The SIGNA Society, established in April 1970, is an organization composed of retired CIA security officers. It has a current membership in excess of 250. Its current president was Director of Security from 1975 to 1980. The Society, which by charter is nonprofit and nonpolitical, is most supportive of the Agency and assiduously defends it.

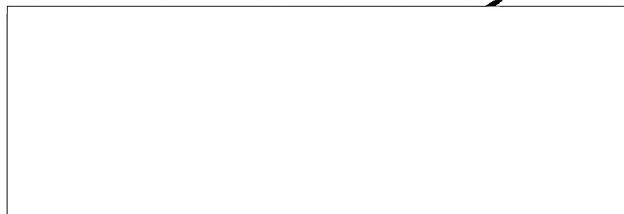
4. In view of the composition of the audience, it is suggested you provide some general comments on the current health of CIA and a forecast for the immediate future. Additional topics of interest may be:

- Role of the alumnus to the intelligence mission.
- The Administration's strong stance on the importance of security.
- The recently signed legislation on the protection of identities of those under cover.
- Extended use of the polygraph.
- Leaks.

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5. I am confident that you will find the SIGNA members a most appreciative and responsive audience. I am certain they will be honored and gratified by your presence at and contribution to their convention.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Policy and Plans Group

SUBJECT: The SIGNA Society

1. On 22 September 1982 the Director of Security suggested the following:

- * A memo from the Office of Security directly to [] - not the DCI.

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- * Suggested that the DCI consider various topics, including the Privacy Act and Identities legislation, but in view of the time limitations, "which we understand," it was decided to focus on the leak problem.

- * Extract appropriate "bullets" from the [] speech on leaks, dated 16 July 1982.

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- * Indicate that SIGNA membership reflects a wide variety of occupations, many of whom are fully retired and quite inactive, to others who have established second careers.

- * Mention Bob Gambino's position with the Synthetic Fuels Corporation (which involves Congressional approval) and touch upon Marv Gentile, a recent past president, who is involved in industrial security work.

2. The principal point seems to be that the DCI could not adequately cover several different issues in an 8 minute presentation, and it would be better to provide him with ammunition on the leak problem - a major area of security concern.

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Deputy Director of Security (P&M)

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15 October 1982

The Honorable William Casey
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
CIA Headquarters Building
Langley, Virginia

Dear Director Casey,

On behalf of the Sigma Society, I wish to thank you for speaking to our Annual Convention, on October 7, 1982. Your appearance was the highlight of our convention, and all members are grateful to you for sharing your thoughts on matters of continuing interest to us.

As you know, the Sigma Society is very supportive of the Agency's missions; and we are extremely pleased and encouraged by the Agency's progress under your leadership.

We are also very appreciative of [redacted] help in making arrangements for our visit to CIA Headquarters. We know [redacted] is doing a great job for you and the Agency.

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Best regards for continued success.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Gambino

Robert W. Gambino
President

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DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
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COMUS INN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 29, 1983

Comus Inn
Comus, Maryland

Buffet

Salad
Swedish Meatballs
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Cash Bar.....1130 Hours

Buffet Luncheon.....1230 Hours

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From the President

As we near the half-year post for the current SIGNA officers, we want to take this opportunity to update you on some of our activities. We have told you of some of our early objectives and I believe you have already noticed some of our accomplishments.

In taking a hard look at our financial position, we have given careful consideration to the recommendation made by Henry Thomas during his annual audit of our records. Updating our mailing list was foremost among them.

We have been constantly reviewing our records in an effort to contact members delinquent in paying dues yet have been receiving our newsletters and membership directories for an extended period of time. We felt that this lapse was an oversight and sent out reminders on a selective basis. Batting 500 on this wasn't too bad and those members appreciated our calling attention to their oversight.

We don't want to lose any members because we cherish the memories of our common past. But we now feel that we have gone about as far as we can go in fairness to all of you. We intend to continue the policy of maintaining as members in good standing the widows of our late

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

(1 June 1983)

Dues collected since 1 January 1983	\$1,810.00
Interest on money deposited	44.80
Dues pre-paid in 1982 for 1983	200.00
Dues pre-paid in 1983 for 1984	80.00
Donations to Memorial Fund since 1 January 1983	5.00
Disbursements from Fund same period	-0-
Balance in Memorial Fund	315.22

Disbursements since 1 January 1983 for:

Printing, mailing and one-time incidental

expenses for newsletter; rental of P. O. Box;

SIGNA West printing and mailing expenses (59.97) 894.61

Bank balance 2,440.02

Number of active, dues paying members 247

Number who have paid 1983 dues 192

FROM THE PRESIDENT

(Continued from page 1)

members as well as our former co-workers who are experiencing undue hardships.

Our social calendar is taking shape. The "Night at the Races," thanks to Len Payne, was a huge success.

The Comus Inn buffet luncheon takes place on the 29th of June and Bill Kotapish has promised us a "Spectacular" during our Fall convention.

You will notice that we now have a full complement of officers, and I will take this opportunity to thank them all for their all-out efforts to keep the ball rolling.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next outing.

Cal Davis

MURIEL JONES

McLean, May 19--It was learned here today that Muriel Jones died on May 1st. She was the wife of Richard E. Jones, former SAC/SFO and ASAC/DFO. To Dick, his family and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

SPECTRUM learned of Muriel's death via a brief note to Mike Gaughan from Ed Jovick in San Francisco and regrets the information is so limited. Fellow members can reach Dick at:

2000 Pine Knoll Drive (Apt 4)
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Thursday, March 17, 1983

The Miami Herald

Republican officials keep jelly beans in the party

By JOE CRANKSHAW
Herald Staff Writer

During the Martin County Fair last week, the Republican Party put a big jar of multi-colored jelly beans — a favorite snack of President Ronald Reagan — on display and invited fairgoers to guess the number of beans in a jar.

The winner would be awarded the entire supply, amounting to a small hill of beans, the GOP said.

Now the party is afraid someone will spill the beans by telling who won the drawing.

The reason for the embarrassment is because the winner is Charles Kane, GOP chairman in Martin County, according to a source.

Kane proved himself a man who knows his beans. He studied the big glass jar, guessed 2,748 beans. There were 2,750 beans in the jar, according to Sherri Plymale, president of the Women's Republican Club of Martin County and vice chairman of the Republican Executive Committee.

It was all on the up-and-up, says the source who asks to remain

'Last year, a Republican committeewoman guessed the number exactly. So this thing hasn't turned out the way we planned it.' Sherri Plymale, vice chairman of Republican Executive Committee

anonymous because he doesn't want to have to change his political affiliation. Kane, the source says, did not know the number of beans.

Plymale was the person doing the drawing.

Plymale reached into the box of entries and pulled out three slips.

One of the slips contained Kane's astute guess.

"There were 2,750 beans in the jar," Plymale said Wednesday. "He guessed 2,748. The next closest was 2,762."

Kane was upset, Plymale said. "He said his winning wasn't very good public relations for the party. He was unhappy."

Plymale said this is the second year that the party has held the contest and the second year that a party official has won.

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Coming Events

AUGUST LUNCHEON

Fort Myer, Virginia

10th Annual SIGNA Convention

13 and 14 October

Thursday, October 13th
Business Meeting
Cocktail Party

Friday, October 14th
Golf Tournament
Robert Heinbaugh, Chairman
Dinner Dance and Cash Bar
Westwood Country Club

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Note: The exact date, time and
directions pertaining to the
events listed above will appear
in further SPECTRUM announce-
ments.

THANK YOU

In her position at the ice company, Ann L. Bullock had occasion to read the last issue of SPECTRUM, my first attempt at getting off a newsletter. She said she found it interesting for "I have worked with many of those who are now retired." She also said I was off to a good start and offered a suggestion: The business cards I use to fill up space, it seems, appear to be "floating" in a sea of white. "They would stand out much better if you would just outline the card around the border."

Ann and I have never met. But I am indeed obliged to her for having taken the time to drop me those few lines and giving me that fabulous tip! Your letter, Ann, was a source of encouragement and let's hope I remember to draw borders on all business cards I insert. Thanks again, Ann. Thanks also to Jim O'Connell and Bill Cotter for encouraging me in my new role as scribe!

Bill Horron

R E S I G N A T I O N

Due to the press of a full time job and an increasing number of personal commitments, it is with considerable regret that I am compelled to give up the chairmanship of SIGNA WEST, effective 1 May 1983.

The workload at Ford Aerospace has literally doubled during the past few weeks with added assignments and there are a number of other matters which take up much of my free time. My one year term of office has now run close to 18 months and I sincerely hope someone else can find time to keep SIGNA WEST alive and well. It's a good group and nice to get together a few times a year. We have many memories and many laughs to share.

Last December, our Nominating Committee tried unsuccessfully to come up with a few nominees to submit to the membership.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve such a fine organization.


Art Brew

Ed. Note: SPECTRUM not entirely sure of propriety in printing Art's letter of resignation. We have done so for two reasons: First, to let Art know how much the membership appreciates his organizing SIGNA West and keeping them together these many months with luncheons and activities; secondly, so that the letter will serve as a missive to inform the membership of our loss and, hopefully, to bring forth a volunteer to succeed Art as the SIGNA West Chairman.

PAST PRESIDENT

CHESTER C. CRAWFORD

It is our very sad duty to report the death of fellow member Chester C. Crawford. Chet died 1 March in Fairfax Hospital, Virginia at the age of 63 and was buried at Rock Creek Cemetary on 4 March after an impressive memorial service.

The large room in the funeral home was filled to overflowing, making manifest the love, respect and affection held for Chet and the feeling of a deep personal loss by all who knew him. He was certainly not the sort of person one would soon forget. As Bill Kotapish eulogized his "first boss and close friend" tears came to many eyes.

Cherished memories of Chet will remain with us always. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy. The eulogy Bill gave with such eloquence colorfully recounts Chet's wondrous ways.

CHESTER CRAWFORD

BY

BILL KOTAPISH

"THOUGH NOTHING CAN BRING BACK THE HOUR, OF SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS, OF GLORY IN THE FLOWER...WE WILL GRIEVE NOT BUT RATHER FIND STRENGTH IN WHAT REMAINS BEHIND."

LAST TUESDAY, THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM WAS DIMINISHED BY THE LOSS OF CHET CRAWFORD. THE SAME IS TRUE OF MANY OTHER PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT BE HERE WITH US TODAY.

CHESTER CRAWFORD WAS QUITE A GUY.

WHETHER YOU SAW HIM AS A LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER--WHICH HE WAS--OR AS A LOVING SON AND BROTHER--WHICH HE WAS--OR VIEWED HIM AS A LOVING FRIEND WHICH I KNEW HIM TO BE....HOWEVER YOU LOOKED AT CHET, THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS THAT HE WAS A UNIQUE, WONDERFUL AND UNFORGETTABLE MAN.

I FIRST MET CHET IN 1951. HE WAS, IN EFFECT, MY FIRST BOSS AND I LEARNED MORE FROM CHET THAN I EVER LEARNED IN ANY COLLEGE CLASSROOM OR FROM ANY TEXTBOOK. WHILE OTHERS PRACTICED MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES OR MANAGEMENT BY BUDGETS, CHET PRACTICED MANAGEMENT BY LOVE.

CHET REALLY LOVED US. AND THE FEELING WAS MUTUAL. HE TOLD US WE WERE TEN FEET TALL AND WE BELIEVED HIM. HE TOLD US THAT AS A TEAM WE WERE UNBEATABLE--THAT WE COULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING--AND WE BELIEVED HIM.

BECAUSE OF CHET, DOZENS OF CAREERS WERE LAUNCHED WITH A PHILOSOPHY OF CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK AND JOY OF LIFE. AND NOW, THIRTY YEARS LATER, FOR MANY OF HIS BOYS IT'S STILL GOING ON: THE CONFIDENCE, THE TEAMWORK, AND THE JOY OF LIFE. THANKS TO CHET CRAWFORD--QUITE A GUY.

FOR MANY YEARS CHET WAS THE ARCHITECT AND DRIVING FORCE BEHIND A PROGRAM THAT WAS DESTINED TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IN THE HISTORY OF GOVERNMENT SECURITY. SO, AS A PROFESSIONAL PERSON, CHET WAS A SUCCESS.

BUT THAT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO CHET'S SUCCESS AS A HUMAN BEING. HE KNEW US ALL. HE KNEW OUR FAMILIES. WHEN THERE WAS TROUBLE IN OUR HOMES, CHET CARED. HE REALLY CARED.

I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS IN A

CAR POOL WITH CHET YEARS AGO. MY WIFE FRAN WAS WORKING AT THE AGENCY AND SHE WAS PREGNANT AT THE TIME WITH OUR FIRST BABY. FRAN WAS IN THE CAR POOL TOO. EVERY DAY CHET WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT FRAN'S WELL BEING.

WHEN I HAD NIGHT SCHOOL, CHET WOULD WALK WITH FRAN UP FOUR FLIGHTS OF STAIRS TO OUR APARTMENT IN TAKOMA PARK TO MAKE SURE SHE WAS OKAY. THAT WAS CHET--QUITE A GUY.

I DON'T HONESTLY KNOW HOW ONE MEASURES GREATNESS IN A FELLOW HUMAN BEING. BUT IF THE CRITERION IS THE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE OTHERS IN GOOD AND DECENT DIRECTIONS, THEN CHET CRAWFORD WAS A GREAT MAN.

CHET HAD A GOOD LIFE: A WONDERFUL FAMILY, MORE FRIENDS THAN ANYONE I KNOW, PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LAUGHS. LOTS AND LOTS OF LAUGHS.

I NEVER KNEW ANYONE WHO TOLD A JOKE BETTER THAN CHET. DIALECT JOKES. STRAIGHT JOKES. HE TOLD THEM ALL. AND HE TOLD THEM BEAUTIFULLY. HE LOVED TO LAUGH. AND HE LOVED TO SEE US LAUGH. LET'S REMEMBER THAT ESPECIALLY WHEN WE THINK OF CHET. AND WE WILL THINK OF CHET--ALL OF US WILL. ALWAYS. BECAUSE TO DO SO WILL, ONCE AGAIN, ENRICH OUR LIVES.

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"THOUGH NOTHING CAN BRING BACK THE HOUR, OF SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS, OF GLORY IN THE FLOWER...WE WILL GRIEVE NOT BUT RATHER FIND STRENGTH IN WHAT REMAINS BEHIND."

ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON

Fifty-three of the Washington area crowd made the St. Patrick's Luncheon on 15 March. Unfortunately there were no pictures taken so we cannot show the rest of the membership how well everyone looked.

Accompanied by their lovely wives were stalwarts Ed Kane, George Ladner, Frank Scanlan, Hi Steele and Erv Schmidt. Jim Green was there with his wife and Alice Cronin.

Bill Kotapish, SIGNA's unique patron, accompanied by Relda White were guests of Cal and Pat Davis. Also on hand were two other staffers soon, we hope, to join our ranks: Jack Pflieger and George Schwegmann.

It's always good to see Marguerite Stevens, Maggie Bowman and Esther Yates. The luncheon debut for John Meehan, Jim Byrne and Bruce Solie, we hope, will turn out to be the first of many.

Bill Cotter and Jim O'Connell showed, along with Tom Carroll, Bill Royer, Mike Sydorko, Win Umbach, Bob Ventres, Harlan Westrell, Jack Williamson, Tom Brown, John Myers, Tom Ogden, Ernie Kropff, Dave Herrling, Ed Scholtz and Mike Gaughan. And if this reads like a litany, so be it; but at least John McIntyre out in St. Paul knows who goes to the luncheons!

Boris Bogranoff, Ken Carroll, Frank daCruz, Barney Doran and Len Payne were also there with their wives.

Great having Hollis Whitaker, SIGNA West's minister without portfolio, join us. The distance some people will travel for corned beef and cabbage! Perhaps next time he can arrange to have Eileen accompany him?

We missed seeing Jim Fitchett, Ralph True and Harry Murphy. Maybe next time....

Signatures

Tied to a previous engagement that he couldn't break, George O'Rourke missed seeing "the old gang" at the March luncheon. But he tells us that he and the other O'Rourkes are "keeping reasonably healthy and happy." And we say that's just about all that really matters.

We're not aware how many of our members know this, but George and a fellow Signaite, Drew Kohler from Hawaii, have been playing chess for some time by mail. Right now they're involved in two games which began on 15 November 1982. And they're only on the 13th move! (At any rate, their progress was such on 22 March 1983.)

The average chess game consists of some 35 to 45 moves, leading us nonparticipants to see that they have a long way to go. Moves, however, are accompanied by letters, so they keep pretty well posted on the activities of one another.

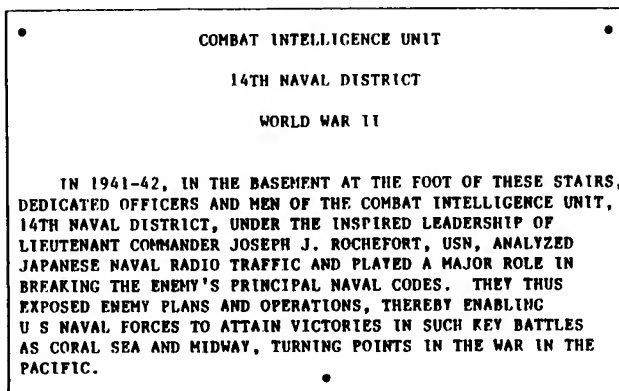
Drew's most recent letter to George informed him of a ceremony that took place at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on March 11th honoring Drew and the other officers and men of Combat Intelligence Unit, Fourteenth Naval District. The inspired efforts of this unit played a major role in breaking the enemy's principal naval codes enabling U. S. Naval forces to attain key victories that were the turning points in the war in the Pacific.

Rear Admiral Stanley J. Anderson, U. S. Navy Commander Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, unveiled the plaque as illustrated.

Double-Edged Secrets, a book on U. S. Naval Intelligence Opera-

tions during World War II written by Navy Captain W. J. Holmes, is an eyewitness account of the Combat Intelligence Unit which collected, analyzed and disseminated naval intelligence throughout World War II. Then Navy Lieutenant Drew Kohler --a linguist--was one of those assigned to the Combat Intelligence Unit during those trying days. The reading of Double Edged Secrets I most heartily commend to all.

Drew also plays chess with Captain Holmes!



Erv and Jeri Schmidt were fortunate enough to blow town the day before February's 24-inch snow. As Erv puts it, "Everyone has a right to get lucky once in a while."

Though not ones to cast discredit upon any single group, they seem prone to believe that in tout-ing the warmth of Florida's sun, the Chamber of Commerce may be stretching the truth a wee bit. For out of four weeks, only about three days were warm enough to strip down to a bathing suit.

But the warmth showed through with visits to many friends: a pleasant evening with Joe and Natalie Bednar in their lovely condo, a good luncheon stop with Bill Knott and a lovely call at Ken and Valerie Clayton's beautiful place. In Edgewater they

surprised Dave and Helen McGinnis who operate "a very fascinating honey processing business." Erv and Dave, incidentally, date back to OSS!

Should any of our members plan on visiting EPCOT, Erv suggests, "better wait until it wears down a bit...the crowds are unbelievable; attendance has exceeded all expectations."

Now back at their home in Rockville, Maryland, busily dusting the cobwebs off an unused snow shovel, they reflect on their trip South and regret not having enough time to see more SIGNA friends.

Pssst.



Mike Gaughan had a few lines from Jim Farr (Temple Hills, Maryland) who wrote of a visit to the Hawkeye State last summer: "My world travel consisted of going to my home town in Iowa to visit old (I mean old) friends. The younger ones are in their seventies and still farming or on the golf course. Some still fly their own planes. Others I visited were shut-ins or in the nursing home."

*** Wasn't it Thomas Wolfe who wrote, You Can't Go Home Again?

Jim says hello to Tom Cole, Morgan Hodge, Wes and the others....

Jack Windham (Hyattsville, Maryland) writes Mike Gaughan that he's experiencing "good health" and says "hello" to everyone.

Virginia and Mike Gaughan spent Easter at Pinehurst, North Carolina and while there visited Fred and Helene Bucci. The Buccis are renting a condominium located right on the fairway of one of the six golf courses run by Pinehurst, Inc., and have been busy drawing up plans for their new home on which construction will have begun in April.

Fred is busy practicing law out of his office in Fayetteville three days a week, Monday and Friday being devoted to golf. Helene has been so busy with other things she has not as yet gotten around to golf. She has done some volunteer modeling (Her picture was in the local paper) and volunteer church work at their growing parish, cooking exotic cakes and candy and walking five miles a day. Fred and Helene look great, are happy in their new environment and send their best to everyone.

On forwarding his '83 dues, Rufus Hasty, who's been away from the Washington area for over four years, informs us he's now back in Fairfax, Virginia and looks forward to renewing old acquaintances.

Dick Sampson of Palos Verdes, California and Dick King from Denver, Colorado tell us they enjoy receiving SPECTRUM and learning about many former friends and associates.

Chet and Mary Hoatson went back east in May to attend the wedding of their youngest son, Mark. Hollis and Eileen Whitaker were to be on hand, as well as many friends and relatives from the Michigan area.

John Knauf, 14 year old son of SIGNA member Marie Knauf and the late Bob Knauf, won the 1983 Colorado-Wyoming spelling bee in April in Denver. He will represent that area at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C. in June.

John won on the word, "wiliwili," a red-flowered tree that grows in Hawaii. He is a top student at St. Mary's Academy near Denver and also excels in basketball, football and baseball.

We hope Larry Spellmeyer has been getting the newsletter. We've been mailing them to his previous address and so far none have returned. Good to have your current address, Larry.

Maggie Bowman reports that Euna Mae Bunn's son, Nelson, was married back in April at Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Len Payne put it all together again. Sixty SIGNA hands had a great night at Rosecroft. The food was great, seating terrific, horses slow....

Jack Williamson's baching it these days. Wife, Josephine, is out west visiting Special Agent son, Ty, at SFO and daughter, Karen, Courier for a West Coast projects office at LAX. But before Jo went "wheels up" she left a list of honeydew chores for Jack: Honey, do this; Honey, do that... But Jack takes it all in stride frequenting, every now and then, various Chinese restaurants to acquire a new slant on things.

WE CARE

It may not be as comforting as encouraging words of a doctor, or the tender hands of a close relative, but we think it may help a little for you to know that we, members of SIGNA, are thinking about you, include you in our prayers, and wish you were well. This goes for...

ROBERT C. DIEDRICH, he can't come to our luncheon at Comus Inn. He has emphysema as well as Parkinson's disease. His wife, A.M., says "no fun."

EVELYN BENSON, she had eye surgery this spring and appears to be on the road to recovery. Meanwhile, Turk has everything under control at their Palo Alto home.

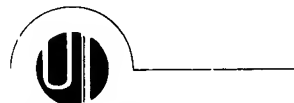
BOB SHELTON, had a stroke in '73, broke a hip in '78 and now has Parkinson's disease. He is in Northern Virginia Doctor's Hospital. This is rough on Pearl too, who has been with Bob day after day until 3 - 4 P.M. Doc has told her she must not spend that many hours...she needs to take care of herself also.

There may be others out there not up to par. Please let me know so we can share our concern with all our members.

Erv Schmidt

1983 DUES

Is there a red check mark on the back of this SPECTRUM newsletter? We hope not. But give a look, aredda... If there is, it means you overlooked paying '83 dues!



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MYSTERY LUNCHEON

WE APOLOGIZE TO ART BREW
AND THE SIGMA WEST CROWD FOR
FAILING TO INCLUDE THE DATE
OF THEIR SPRING LUNCHEON IN
THE MARCH ISSUE OF SPECTRUM.

WE IS ACTUALLY ME. AND
I SINCERELY HOPE MY OMISSION
OF THE DATE DID NOT DIMINISH
THE NUMBER ATTENDING THE LUNCH.

--The Editor

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Your News!**

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April 18, 1983

Dear Conspirators,

I want to express my sincere thanks to all who made my "semptyeth" birthday party such a wonderful surprise. I have two huge scrapbooks filled with letters, cards, and poems, all bringing back great memories.

Nancy had made a big banner saying "HAPPY SEMPTYETH WES" which was hung in front of the hall at the party. After the party Karen, John and Nancy brought the banner home and hung it in the front yard. The next day the Thai diplomatic family who live across the street all came over with a present. Captain Karunyavani said they knew from the sign that it was my birthday but that they had looked for "semptyeth" in all their English dictionaries and couldn't find it.

In appreciation, or maybe in some cases retaliation, I have written the attached poem.

A million thanks,

Harlan
AKA - Wes, Sempty

AN ODE* OF THANKS

Wes's 70th birthday was near, and all through the house
A conspiracy was brewing by family and spouse.

So out through the land a message was sent
Inviting Wes's friends to the coming event.

A big party was planned as a complete surprise,
A secret event of which Wes was not wise.

Replies came by letters, cards and even by cable,
All telling they'd sure be coming if they were able.

All told of events in the birthday boy's life,
Some of which had never been told to his wife.

Now the day was approaching, and the tension was mounting,
Had Wes penetrated the surprise on which all were counting?

A birthday dinner was scheduled as part of the ruse,
And maybe Karen's wedding plans would also help to confuse.

When Wes entered the hall, one thing was certain,
He sure hadn't penetrated the conspiracy curtain.

His mouth fell open, and no words did he utter,
His speech powers had left him unable to mutter.

Then "There's Norman," "There's Laura," "Pappy" and "Paul!"
"Johnny Otomo, last seen in Japan, 1945, in the Fall!"

Bowlers, fellow retirees, and friends from all over the land,
Some four hundred in all to give Sempty a hand.

So thanks for the words of extravagant praise,
If Wes was still working, he'd ask for a raise.

Faced with such great and brilliant testimony,
Who could say it's a lot of baloney?

Thanks a million,

Wes - Sempty - Harlan

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*With apologies to the great poets like Keats, Tennyson, Whitman, Browning, Burns, Goethe, Ventres, and especially Clement C. Moore.

I like the way our new Editor revealed his change of address in a note to me. "...since the 15th of May I've been in the throes of a move from the hinterland of Woodbridge to the urban area of McLean. Packing boxes are scattered all over the apartment and it's like Coney Island at low tide. But it's good being in these environs. I'm situated about 100 yards from the McLean Post Office and about the same distance from a cold brew at the bowling alley." (new address: 1350 Beverly Road #307, McLean, Virginia 22101)

Erv Schmidt

New Members

SPECTRUM is pleased to greet the following new members to the SIGMA muster roll:

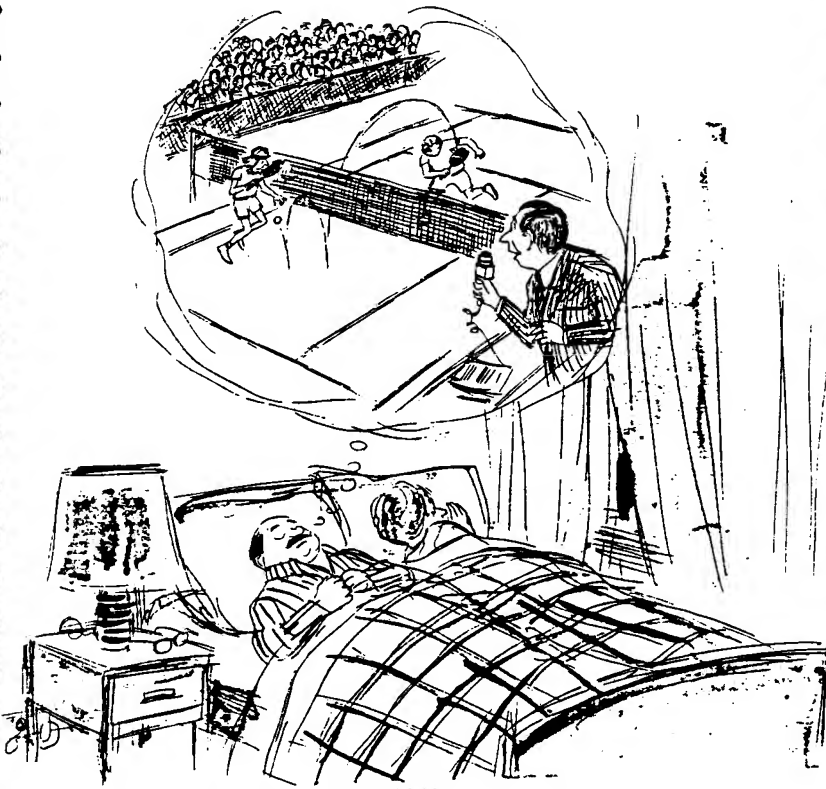
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Gerald L. Heatley
Route 1, Box 325
Roper, N. C. 27970

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Falls Church, VA 22046

To Phil, Jerry and Jim we say,
"Welcome Aboard!"

"Incredible! Ed Kane's just toying with Borg!"



ELECTION RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ASSOCIATES

April 14, 1983: SIGNA member John D. Noble of Reno, Nevada has been elected vice president-sales and corporate secretary of International Travel Associates, Incorporated.

Noble, a 10 year resident of Reno, is a retired executive of the federal government. He is president of the downtown Reno Kiwanis Club, a member of the Prospectors Club, and active in the society of former FBI Agents, the Air Force Association and the Retired Officers Association.

International Travel Associates has two offices in Reno and will be opening a third in Carson City this May. Noble will work out of the downtown Reno branch.



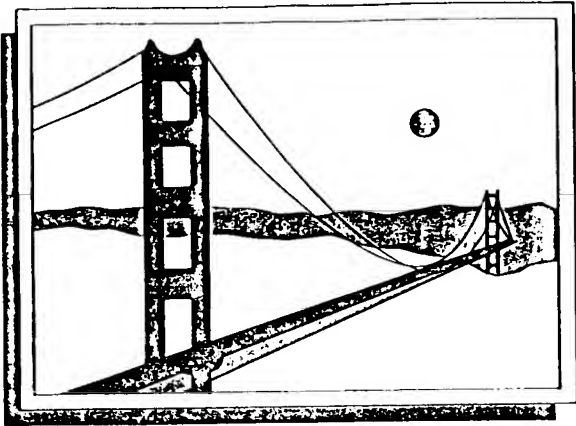
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THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND ISSUE OF SPECTRUM. And since its sole purpose is to inform and please the membership, we'd like our members to have a say about its content. Give us some ideas on what you'd like to see: _____

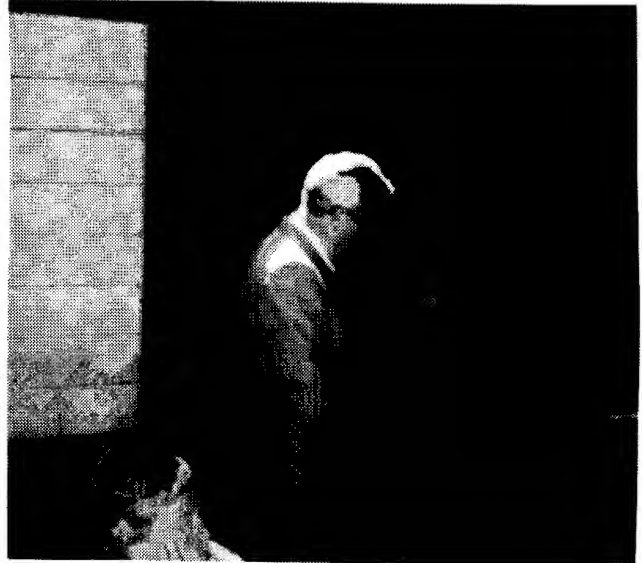
In response to the many requests from our Hibernian members, we are pleased to proclaim this accurate drawing of a Russian Leprechaun colorfully captured by the American Embassy in Moscow on the occasion of their second annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

SIGNA WEST

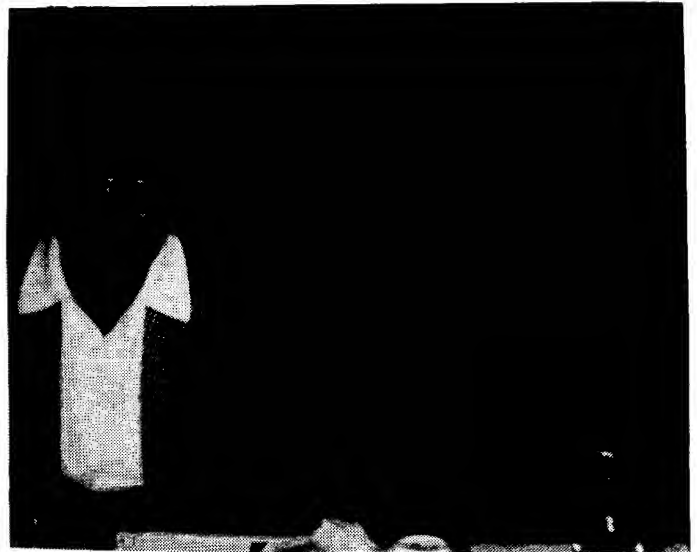


SIGNA WEST Chairman, Art Brew, was good enough to send me a copy of his very well written and interesting Spring newsletter along with several pictures Turk Benson took at their successful Spring Luncheon at Palo Alto. Twenty-one attended, with many travelling considerable distances. The following was lifted from Art's bulletin:

Take a good look at the Golden Gate Bridge above. The next time you come to San Francisco it might be under water. People in Reno are being advised not to come to the Ocean this year, it's coming to them. In a word, it's been wet....



Marie Knauf, looking better than ever, travelled all the way from Denver, and was presented a bottle of vintage (1983) California wine by Hollis Whitaker (up from Los Angeles) for making the longest trip.



The Richardsons made the long trip again from Pine Mountain Lake, near Yosemite, and Maggie Bowman, who won the wine last year, was expected up to the last minute, but couldn't get a flight out of National in Washington. She was indeed missed.



Turk Benson once again provided some delightful background music with his accordion and played (appropriately) "It Ain't Goin' Rain Anymore." Evelyn still isn't fully recovered from a bad eye injury late last year and it was good to see her at the luncheon.



Steve and Robbieburr Berger from Fairfield, California were welcomed on board. Steve, a retired Air Force Colonel and former field office correspondent, worked closely with the Organization for many years while stationed at Travis Air Force Base, near San Francisco, working many miracles getting critical airlifts in and out across the Pacific.

Hollis, who had attended the St. Patrick's Luncheon in Virginia said the turnout in the East was greater, but the group in the West was better looking.



CHARLIE CHAN and MARIE KNAUF

Highlight of the luncheon was a fine talk by an old friend of Security and long time staffer, Charlie Chan, who is now retired in San Mateo.

Charlie spoke on a new book he's writing entitled, "The Forgotten War," covering the important, but little publicized China-Burma-India Theatre in World War II. He's collaborating with James Holland and expects to have it published by December of this year. Sheff Edwards Brought Charlie into the Organization in 1946 and he remained for more than thirty years. After Charlie's talk, a question and answer period followed. John Raines had a chance to practice his Chinese language ability with our guest speaker and Charlie assured several skeptics that John speaks very good Chinese.



MAXINE CASEBOLT and HOLLIS WHITAKER

Chet and Mary Hoatson were in California in February visiting the Whitakers in Los Angeles and Maxine Casebolt in Oakland. They got together for lunch with George Dombrowsky, Floyd Hillier, Art Brew, Bob Morris and Maxine at the Swiss Chalet in Palo Alto. Bob was out on TDY from Headquarters. After California, the Hoatsons headed for the Lake Tahoe area to visit the Walt Lloyds.

They love it in Colorado and Chet is even talking of getting up a Rocky Mountain version of SIGNA if he can round up enough people in that area. For starters there are Jim Wakefield, Marie Knauf, Jerry Herman, Jim McCord, Dick Clark and Rosalie Banne.



TURK and EVELYN BENSON



ED JOVICK, EVELYN BENSON, EDA CARNIGLIA and ED STEWART

Mike Gaughan asked SIGNA WEST to find out if the old U-2 crowd is planning another reunion somewhere this year. John Raines reports that the 'Roadrunners,' as they call themselves, will meet at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas 8, 9, and 10 September. John hopes to mail out notices to interested parties. Somehow Las Vegas sounds appropriate.

Evelyn Hutchison and Marie Knauf are giving serious thought to attending the SIGNA Convention in Virginia this Fall. They were together in Frankfurt and stay in touch.



RITA STEWART, EDA CARNIGLIA, TURK BENSON

Ed and Helene McGrath made a swing through the west and southwest recently on vacation. Not only did they encounter a bit of rain, but unfortunately their McLean home was burglarized during their absence.

Al Thompson had minor surgery and came through in fine style. Al's boss at ESL reported that Al was back to work in a couple of days.

Must be that tennis and jogging that keeps Al looking so young. More likely Estelle. Back in the early seventies when Al was stationed in Miami he was cutting the lawn one day and a door-to-door salesman came by and said, "Son, can I talk to your father for a minute?" True story. (George Bessey doesn't believe it.)



EVELYN BENSON, MARIE KNAUF, RITA STEWART

Charlie Anderson, now retired from Ford Aerospace and living in Campbell, California, is a man of considerable willpower. He not only gave up a life long cigarette habit but also lost 35 pounds. Looks great.



Dick and Ruth Kuh were in the Silicon Valley recently and had dinner with their son, John, and his new bride, and the Brews. Dick is back in great shape after his operation last summer. Ray Koszella heads up Dick's Lockheed operation in Palmdale, but Monica only sees him on weekends when he returns to their home in Thousand Oaks.



ED JOVICK, CHARLIE CHAN, ESTELLE and AL THOMPSON

Ed and Rita Stewart plan to vacation in Florida soon. Rita doesn't like to fly and it's a long drive!

Known to perhaps only a few of you because he was quite young was Mike Benton, an extremely able young man who had been assigned to Miami and Los Angeles Field Offices in the seventies. He left the organization in 1977 to attend law school full time in the state of Washington. We were very saddened to hear that Mike died last year and his wife passed away a few weeks later. They had two adopted children. Mike's star shone very briefly, but very brightly.

John Noble was asked to look into the possibility of a SIGMA WEST excursion to Reno in the Fall and came up with several possibilities circa late September. John sends

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ESTELLE THOMPSON, FRANK GERATY, MARIE KNAUF and RITA STEWART

"Greetings" to all the gang. Art thanks John for all the information and suggests that SIGNA WEST along with SIGNA, if not this year, perhaps consider Reno as an idea for a national convention in 1984 or 1985.

Dick and Muriel Jones have missed a few SIGNA WEST functions recently and expressed their thanks for the nice card signed by everyone for Muriel at Christmas Dinner in Pleasanton. Dick reports that Muriel is improving and they hope to rejoin us soon. We certainly hope so.

Bill Milligan passed through California recently to visit his youngest son, Rob and bride, in Palo Alto. He then flew to Hong Kong for ten days with relatives of his late wife, Priscilla. Bill looked well and plans to stay in Stuart, Florida indefinitely. He just missed the Hoatson's lunch by one day.

Joe and Teresa Brannigan have their beautiful Columbia, South Carolina home up for sale and hope to move to a nearby lake. Joe says he's busier than ever as a correspondent for the Miami office.

ED STEWART, HOLLIS WHITAKER, ART and ELLEN BREW, MARIE KNAUF and RITA STEWART

Bill Bludworth, as is his custom, spent the winter in San Diego. It might have been warmer and drier back home in Memphis.

George Wiggins is making plans to attend the AFIO (Association of Former Intelligence Officers) Convention this October in San Diego.

Jean Richardson is beaming these days. She says she has a 'dream' of a part time job in Sonora, California as district representative for Congressman Richard H. Lehman of California's 18th District. He has offices in Fresno, Stockton and Sonora to handle constituent mail, complaints, grants, visits and other business.

Sonora is close to Jean and Walt's beautiful home in Pine Mountain Lake and one of the bonuses of the job is an occasional business trip to Washington, D. C. (Maybe mid-October, Jean?)

